(c) whether a situation of withdrawing their investment proposals by companies has arisen due to ban on new proposals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not; by when Government would give approval to such new proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) A State-wise list is given in the statement [refer to the statement appended to unstarred question 880 (a to c)]

(c) None of the proposals have been withdrawn till date due to ban on new proposals.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Various issues relating to SEZs have been placed before the Empowered Group of Ministers.

On hold SEZ proposals

882. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have put on hold the clearance of proposals from developers, for setting up of Special Economic Zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Special Economic Zone projects, where Government have already given approval, would be affected by this order; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) Various issues relating to SEZs including land acquisition have been placed before the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) and pending decision by EGOM

fresh approvals for setting up new SEZs and fresh notifications are presently not being issued. However, miscellaneous proposals relating to the notified Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are considered by the Government regularly.

Nid at Bhubaneswar

883 MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has requested the Centre to explore possibility of setting up a Design Institute at Bhubaneswar, at par with the National institute of Design;

(b) whether the State Government has assured the Centre of providing the necessary infrastructure in the matter; and

(c) if so, the status of the proposals and the time-frame within which it would be set up, to improve the economy of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All proposals received from various State Governments are duly considered and appropriate decision is taken based upon the need assessment and resource availability.

Agreements between MIDC and IDFC Ltd. for SEZs

884. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) signed four agreements with Infrastructure Development Finance Company Limited (IDFCL) for developing three Special Economic Zones;